



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a special called meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Council Member Renteria was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- 1. Briefing and discussion on matters related Covid-19.**

The presentation was given by Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health; Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Health Officer, Austin Public Health; Adrienne Sturup, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health; Lauren Meyers, Professor of Integrative Biology, University of Texas at Austin.

Staff is directed to consider developing specific strategies for addressing the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 is having, and is projected to have, on the Hispanic community in Austin.

Staff is directed to bring back to Council recommendations, as required, for additional resources that are needed to enhance public health infrastructure.

Staff is encouraged to provide specific policy proposals, where appropriate, to Council about steps that should be taken to mitigate community spread.

When discussing hard-to-reach populations staff should consider strategies for empowering the African diaspora community, and recognize that it is not a monolithic group.

Staff is directed to provide COVID-19 hospitalization numbers for the surrounding area by county and data on available hospital resources by proximity to those areas so that Austin's hospital resource requirements factor in the total size of the population being served.

Staff is directed to make additional food needs funding allocations, as required, as more funding becomes available.

Staff is directed to prominently place the contact information for Isolation Center referrals on the City's COVID-19 webpage.

Staff is directed to identify and include other park areas, not just unchlorinated pools and open access water, in their analysis of potential closures needed to mitigate the community spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 3:58 p.m. without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- 2. Discuss legal issues related to the City's response to COVID-19
Discussion occurred.**

Executive Session ended and Mayor Adler reconvened the Council Meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 29th day of July 2020 on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Adler was off the Dias.